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1. The North Korean government established the Pyongyang Communications Equipment Manufacturing Company in Pyongyang [redacted] but actual large-scale production did not begin [redacted] the company was producing the following:

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Telephones and telephone switchboards
Accessories for various automatic signal devices
Microphones
Accessories for radio and telephone
Miscellaneous communication equipment for military purposes
Amplifiers (Chungpok-ki) (增幅器) *

2. The technical direction of the factory was in the hands of Soviets. Six were regularly on duty as supervisors in various plant divisions, and others visited the factory on unstated missions. The supervisor of the electrical division of the factory was G. V. Loyakov. The highest-ranking Korean officials of the company were KIM Tok-hwan (金徳煥), and KIM Yong-ch'ol (金永植), who were in charge of political instruction of the factory workers and cultural activities.

3. Each year a top-ranking technician was selected to be sent to the USSR, presumably for further training. All were elementary school graduates. Those who were sent to the USSR [redacted] included CHON Pil-yong (金弼永), HONG Ki-ch'ol (洪基植), and YI Yon-po (李彦保). Some of them had returned to Pyongyang [redacted].

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4. [redacted] it was rumored among factory employees that plans had been made to enlarge the plant to floor space of 100,000 square meters and change its name to Yongsin Kikye Chechak Chongnap Kong Chang (Yongsin Machinery Manufacturing Plant). **

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Comment: The exact nature of this machine is not known.

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Comment: The condition of this plant at the time of the evacuation of Pyongyang by UN forces is not known.

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